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SUDAN: Numayri's Initiatives

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In a separate move, Numayri also is requesting \$200 million from Saudi Arabia and additional financing from Kuwait to bolster bank reserves to facilitate private financing. Numayri traveled to Jidda to meet with King Khalid last week. The Saudis so far have been slow to react to Numayri's difficulties and presumably are apprehensive about the past leftist leanings of the new Finance Minister. The Saudis have long valued Numayri as a moderate counterweight to Libya and Ethiopia, but his support for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty cooled relations. [REDACTED] Riyadh has been alarmed by reports of Sudanese corruption and mismanagement of previous aid projects. [REDACTED] the Saudis are aware that any reduction in aid would seriously damage Numayri's prospects. They may well agree to give Numayri a modest increase, but they may also urge him to distance Sudan from Egypt. [REDACTED]

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